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SUBJECT: NPT PREPARATORY COMMITTEE MEETING, AUGUST 26 -
SEPTEMBER 6

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1. THIS MESSAGE SUMMARIZES US APPROACH AND OBJECTIVES AT
SECOND SESSION OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR NON-
PROLIFERATION TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE. ACTION ADDRESSEES
ARE REQUESTED TO DISCUSS PROSPECTS FOR PREPCOM SESSION WITH
HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH PREPCOM, DRAWING ON
PARAS BELOW AS APPROPRIATE.

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2. USG ATTACHES CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO SUCCESSFUL NPT
REVIEW CONFERENCE AS MEANS OF ATTRACTING MORE ADHERENTS

TO NPT AND OTHERWISE STRENGTHENING TREATY. EVENTS SINCE FIRST PREPCOM SESSION (APRIL 1 - 10, 1974), INCLUDING INDIAN NUCLEAR EXPLOSION, HAVE CLEARLY HEIGHTENED INTERNATIONAL INTEREST IN NPT CONFERENCE AND IN IMPORTANT SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES RELATED TO NPT THAT WILL BE DISCUSSED AT CONFERENCE. WE ANTICIPATE THAT CONFERENCE WILL CONDUCT A THOROUGH REVIEW OF NPT AND WE WILL EXPECT TO PRESENT CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS FOR STRENGTHENING NPT REGIME. (IF QUESTION OF AMENDING TREATY IS RAISED, YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT WE REMAIN STRONGLY OPPOSED TO CONSIDERING AMENDMENT PROPOSALS AT CONFERENCE. CONSIDERATION OF ANY AMENDMENTS WOULD OPEN DOOR FOR POSSIBLE EFFORTS TO RENEGOTIATE BASIC

PROVISIONS OF TREATY, WHICH WOULD NOT BE FEASIBLE BUT SUCH EFFORTS COULD SERIOUSLY WEAKEN TREATY.)

3. WE BELIEVE THERE IS GENERAL EXPECTATION AMONG PREPCOM MEMBERS TO DEFER SOME DECISIONS TO A LATER STAGE IN PREPARATIONS, AS REFLECTED IN AGREEMENT TO HOLD THIRD SESSION NEXT FEBRUARY. WE ALSO BELIEVE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES SHOULD BE RESERVED FOR CONFERENCE ITSELF. OUR APPROACH TO SPECIFIC NON-PROLIFERATION ISSUES IS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW, AND DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN AS RESULT OF REVIEW WILL PROBABLY HAVE BEARING ON SOME SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES AT CONFERENCE. OTHER PREPCOM MEMBERS ARE PRESUMABLY IN SAME SITUATION, AND IT WOULD THEREFORE BE UNREALISTIC (AS WELL AS OUTSIDE PURVIEW OF PREPCOM) TO ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES IN THAT FORUM.

4. ON OTHER HAND, WE CONSIDER IT HIGHLY DESIRABLE FOR PREPCOM TO RESOLVE AT THIS SESSION MOST IF NOT ALL PROCEDURAL ISSUES THAT WERE THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED AT FIRST PREPCOM SESSION. SPECIFICALLY, WE THINK PREPCOM MIGHT BE ABLE TO RESOLVE FOLLOWING ISSUES: COST-SHARING FORMULA; CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION (NUMBER AND FUNCTIONS OF COMMITTEES AND CONFERENCE OFFICERS, AGENDA); RULES OF CONFERENCE PROCEDURE, INCLUDING USE OF CONSENSUS OR VOTING IN MAKING DECISIONS. WE CONTINUE TO THINK THAT CERTAIN OTHER QUESTIONS, PARTICULARLY QUESTION OF GIVING OBSERVER
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STATUS TO NON-PARTIES, SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AT LATER STAGE AFTER OTHER BASIC ISSUES ARE RESOLVED.

5. WE HAVE STRONGLY SUPPORTED USE OF CONSENSUS WITHIN PREPCOM (AS HAS BEEN CUSTOMARY WITH SIMILAR COMMITTEES IN PAST) AND WILL CONTINUE TO ACT ACCORDINGLY. ON ISSUES CURRENTLY BEFORE PREPCOM, OUR PRIMARY INTEREST WILL BE TO WORK OUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONFERENCE THAT WE AND OTHER PREPCOM MEMBERS CAN ACTIVELY SUPPORT IN CONTACTS WITH OTHER NPT PARTIES.

6. WE ARE MINDFUL THAT SOME PREPCOM MEMBERS DID NOT PARTICIPATE VERY ACTIVELY AT FIRST SESSION, WITH RESULT THAT RELATIVELY FEW DELEGATIONS (CHIEFLY THOSE REPRESENTED AT BOTH CCD AND IAEA) TOOK LEAD. SOME MEMBERS WERE REPRESENTED BY RELATIVELY JUNIOR DIPLOMATS STATIONED IN GENEVA WHO MERELY OBSERVED PROCEEDINGS. (FYI. COSTA RICA, DENMARK, IRELAND, PERU, SUDAN, ETHIOPIA, AND NIGERIA SHOWED LITTLE INTEREST IN PREPCOM. END FYI.) WE WOULD HOPE THAT MORE MEMBERS WOULD PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN THIS SESSION WHEN, AS INDICATED, WE HOPE IMPORTANT ISSUES OF CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION WILL BE DECIDED.

7. IF HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS EXPRESS INTEREST IN CONSULTING WITH US DEL, OR IF YOU THINK IT APPROPRIATE TO SUGGEST SUCH CONSULTATIONS, YOU MAY POINT OUT THAT US DEL LEADER, ACDA DEPUTY DIRECTOR ZURHELLEN, IS NOW IN GENEVA AND WOULD WELCOME CONSULTATIONS BEFORE AS WELL AS DURING PREPCOM SESSION. ADDRESSEES SHOULD REPORT ANY SIGNIFICANT REACTIONS OR COMMENTS REGARDING PREPCOM OR REVIEW CONFERENCE, REPEATING ALL MESSAGES INFO GENEVA. KISSINXER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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